

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A reliable bearing unit, in which lubricant does not leak and the problem of shaft lifting at the time of the rotation of a rotor due to the imbalance of a pair of dynamic pressure generating grooves can be surely and inexpensively solved, and a rotary drive apparatus including the bearing unit are provided.

Accordingly, a shaft 100 which has an exposed end 160, an inner end 162 of a small external diameter provided opposite to the exposed end 160, and a stepped middle portion 170 formed between the exposed end 160 and the inner end 162; a thrust bearing 130 which supports the inner end 162 of the shaft 100 in a rotatable manner in the thrust direction; and lubricant 150 in a retention member 120 which is filled between the shaft 100, a radial bearing 110 and the thrust bearing 130 are provided; and the length m of the inner end 162 of the shaft 100 in the direction of the shaft is shorter than the length n in the direction of the shaft of the part between the outer surface of the retention member 120 and the stepped middle portion 170 of the shaft 100.